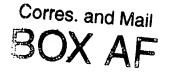


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of June 8, 2004. A fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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